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**Levin, Stabenow Announce over \$3 million
to High Schools throughout Michigan**

Holt, Macomb, Muskegon, Detroit, and Kalamazoo to receive funds

WASHINGTON – Senators Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., announced today that five school districts in Michigan will receive a combined total of \$3,121,956 as part of the U.S. Department of Education's Smaller Learning Communities program. The program provides support for the planning and research of creating smaller school communities.

"It's common sense that if our kids have a more personalized school experience, they will be better off," said Levin. "I am pleased this funding is made available to so many of our larger schools in Michigan. It allows each school to develop a customized approach to solving the problem of school and classroom size."

"Students thrive when they participate in small learning environments that allow them to work collaboratively with their peers and teachers. This funding from the Department of Education will help these Michigan schools create these important environments," said Stabenow. "Such innovative approaches to education are crucial to helping our schools prepare their students for successful futures."

Significant research has shown that school communities of approximately 600 students or less show improved achievement, fewer discipline problems, greater attendance, and greater student and staff school satisfaction when compared to schools with a greater population. Success with smaller school size is believed to come from the school's ability to create close, personal environments in which teachers can work collaboratively to challenge students and support learning.

Strategies to create smaller school communities may include creating schools within schools, career academies, restructuring the school day, instituting personal adult advocates, developing teacher advisory systems and other innovations designed to create a more personalized high school experience.

Additional information on the program can be found at:
<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SLCP/>.

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The following charts provide the grant amount for each school district, and which high schools will be affected.

Holt Public Schools: \$49,357

School	City	Population
Holt High School	Holt	1200

Macomb Intermediate School District: \$496,000

School	City	Population
Adlai Stevenson High	Utica	1725
Anchor Bay High	New Baltimore	1010
Chippewa Valley High	Clinton Township	1621
Cousino High	Warren	1428
Dakota High	Macomb	1935
Dwight Eisenhower High	Shelby Township	1830
East Detroit High	Eastpointe	1600
Fraser Senior High	Fraser	1446
Henry Ford II High	Sterling Heights	1588
Romeo Senior High	Romeo	1621
Roseville High	Roseville	1191
Sterling Heights High	Warren	1503
Utica High	Utica	1337
Warren-Mott High	Warren	1526

Public Schools of the City of Muskegon: \$328,483

School	City	Population
Muskegon High School	Muskegon	1470

School District of the City of Detroit: \$2,200,000

School	City	Population
Cody High	Detroit	2079
Cooley High	Detroit	1465
Denby High	Detroit	2135
Finney High	Detroit	1382
Ford High	Detroit	1499
Kettering High	Detroit	1674
Murray Wright High	Detroit	1690
Northwestern High	Detroit	1348
Osborn High	Detroit	1839
Pershing High	Detroit	1955

School District of the City of Kalamazoo: \$48,116

School	City	Population
Kalamazoo Central High School	Kalamazoo	1426